

## Headlands Primary School: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Thank you to the PTA



We hope you had a wonderful Mothering Sunday and enjoyed the gifts from the children. The children were really excited and loved picking out their special gifts on Friday in our shop, and together we raised £320.

Thank you to the PTA for organising this event.

### School decorated planter in village



Look out for the beautifully decorated planter created by the Wild Gardening Club and Mr Mulholland, in partnership with Haxby Town Council.

### Celebrating World Down Syndrome Day



We are celebrating World Down Syndrome Day. To mark the occasion, we have taken part in the Down Syndrome UK sunflower challenge.

At the end of February we planted our sunflower seeds and since then, some of the children have been looking after the sunflowers. It has been exciting to watch them begin to grow. The sunflowers symbolise that we all learn and grow in different ways, which is like the sunflowers which grow and thrive in their own unique way.

Our assemblies this week aim to raise awareness and understanding about Down Syndrome and celebrate diversity, individuality and inclusion. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March is World Down Syndrome Day - please see the poster below for more details on how you can find out more and celebrate with your families too.



A big thank you to Shine21 who have generously provided a packet of sunflower seeds for all Y5/6 children so they too can take part in the sunflower challenge.



We will continue to care for our sunflowers and enjoy watching them bloom.

### **Year 3/4 Celebration Assemblies**

We are looking forward to the Year 3/4 Class Celebration assemblies where we will celebrate all of the wonderful work we have done in Year 3/4 so far this year. Each class in Year 3/4 will have their own assembly where parents are invited to come and view a range of exciting artwork, writing, music and more.

- Year 3/4 Blue (Miss Welch) - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30-3.15 pm
- Year 3/4 Green (Miss King) - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30-3.15 pm
- Year 3/4 Red (Mrs Bonsey/ Fowler) - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30-3.15 pm

The doors will open at 2.15 pm for a 2.30 pm start. At the end of the assembly, the children will return to their class and we will undertake our 'normal end of day procedures' with the children brought round to the KS1 playground at 3.25 pm.

If you have any unwanted tickets or would like any additional tickets, please text Mrs Clare Ahmad on 07712044325. She is happy to be contacted at any time and help redistribute unwanted tickets even up the performance.

### **You won't know 'til you ask – Online Safety Campaign**



The campaign has been launched to help parents and carers support their children to navigate the digital world safely and confidently. It brings together practical, trusted guidance on how to start meaningful conversations about online life, understand the types of content children may encounter, and build critical thinking skills so young people can question what they see and make safer choices.

It also offers advice on using tools such as parental controls, recognising potential risks, and knowing where to seek help or report concerns. The overall aim is to make online safety an ongoing, open dialogue within families rather than a one-off conversation, helping children feel supported as they explore apps, games and social media. You can find the resources here: <https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

There are also some additional great resources and handy hints on the 'Family Online Safety Institute' website: <https://fosi.org/>

### **Dates for your diary**

16.03.2026: EYFS Mother Day afternoon  
20.03.2026: Year 3/4 Celebration Assembly (Miss Welch)  
23.03.2026: Year 3/4 Celebration Assembly (Miss King)  
24.03.2026: House Treat  
24.03.2026: Year 1 Phonics meeting  
26.03.2026: Year 3/4 Celebration Assembly (Miss Bonsey/ Mrs Fowler)  
27.03.2026: Trophy and award assembly  
27.03.2026: Break up for Easter break  
13.04.2026: School opens  
14.04.2026: Year 6 Residential  
14.04.2026: Year 4 Multiplication meeting



Best wishes,  
Headlands Primary School

# Easter FAMILY CELEBRATION

LOB A CHICKEN AND OTHER GAMES

EASTER STORY EGG HUNT

PASTA & PIZZA MEAL

Book your free place:  
lorraine.jones@methodistyouth.org.uk

**SUNDAY MARCH 22ND**  
3-5PM

HAXBY & WIGGINTON  
METHODIST CHURCH  
The Village, Haxby, YO32 2JJ

BROUGHT TO YOU FROM THE YORK METHODISTS CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES TEAM

CELEBRATING **WDSO '26** with **DSUK** Down Syndrome UK

Positive About Down Syndrome

**ON 21 MARCH, WE'RE CELEBRATING WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**

Down syndrome is a genetic condition caused by an extra copy of chromosome 21.

World Down Syndrome Day is a time to celebrate individuals with Down syndrome as valued members of our families, schools and communities.

**WHY 21 MARCH?**  
The date (21/3) represents the three copies of chromosome 21 that cause Down syndrome.

**AT OUR SCHOOL, WE BELIEVE EVERYONE BELONGS.**

**WE'RE CELEBRATING WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY TO:**

- LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENCE
- CELEBRATE INDIVIDUALITY
- SHOW KINDNESS AND RESPECT
- MAKE SURE EVERYONE FEELS WELCOME

We all learn, grow and communicate in different ways – and that's something to celebrate.

World Down Syndrome Day reminds us that understanding, patience and kindness help everyone feel safe, valued and included.

Find out more and donate here:

[www.downsyndromeuk.co.uk](http://www.downsyndromeuk.co.uk)  
#WorldDownSyndromeDay

## The 18th Scarecrow Festival



2nd - 4th May 2026

Do you live or work in Haxby or Wigginton?  
**Enter our annual Scarecrow Festival!**  
*A great family weekend, raising money for charity*

Register by 10th April\* to enter!  
[hwmc.org.uk/scarecrows](http://hwmc.org.uk/scarecrows)

Make and display a scarecrow in your garden or shopfront

(\*Registrations we receive after this date will need to be on a route we've planned out. Register early!)



Register online at our website from 1st March

Register by Friday 10th April\*

Or collect a paper registration form at:  
• Aroma Coffee Shop  
• The Methodist Church  
Return your form by Friday 10th April

Email: [scarecrows@hwmc.org.uk](mailto:scarecrows@hwmc.org.uk)

## MAKE SAVINGS BY CLAIMING YOUR FREE SCHOOL MEAL

Save time and money by claiming your free school meal allowance today. Not sure if you can claim? Read on to learn more...

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEAL...

**UNIVERSAL INFANTS FREE SCHOOL MEALS (UIFSM)**  
Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (KS1) are entitled to a free school meal regardless of income.

All you need to do is inform your school that you wish your child to have a daily hot meal.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)**

Your child may be entitled to a Free School Meal. However, with FSM you will need to apply. The link on this sheet is for your local authority (search your postcode) and there is information from the Government website about FSM. Your child's school will also have an application form, if you prefer to complete it by hand.

Free school meals give children the nutrition they need to thrive during the school day - boosting focus, learning, health, and overall wellbeing.

Each day, your child can choose a hot meal (with two main options) or a sandwich, served with dessert, fresh fruit or yoghurt, and a drink. Menus are available on the school website, and our Catering Manager is happy to discuss any food allergies, intolerances or dietary requirements.

SAVE UP TO £495 PER YEAR PER CHILD ON SCHOOL LUNCHES.



**SCAN ME!**

or visit: [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals) for more info!



**DO YOU RECEIVE ANY OF THESE?**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (restrictions apply)
- Working Tax Credit run-on Universal Credit - **NEW eligibility criteria takes effect September 2025.** All households receiving Universal Credit will be able to access free school meals (previously capped at £7,400 income).

**CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY TODAY!**